



**THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CHOIR
OF GREAT BRITAIN
SCHOLARSHIP**

Eligibility

Candidates must:

- Currently be in Senior Choir.
- Have been a member of any of the NCCGB choir(s) for at least 2 years.
- Have missed a maximum of 1 course for every 2 years of membership.

Musical skills required and to be tested:

Good sight-reading and/or very strong aural skills: the candidate must be able to pick up repertoire quickly and securely.

Good vocal technique, in place or developing, so that intonation, projection and musicianship are displayed in the act of singing.

Personal attributes

Good communication skills are essential, and a willingness to engage with other choir members of all ages. The successful candidate will have given some thought to the best way they can fulfil the prestigious role of NCCGB scholar and use it for the benefit of the choir.

During the period of the scholarship, the candidate will:

- Be prepared to be an example to all: in rehearsals, choir etiquette, focus etc., and in general conduct, a role model to other NCCGB members.
- Lead the singing of the section.
- Be able to work towards taking section rehearsals.
- Help with the management of music - hand out/collect in/count on return.
- Perform at cabaret for each course.
- Visit all choirs to talk to them about their experience of being part of NCC.
- Take a junior musicianship session.
- Plan and lead a Yellow Choir teatime treat.

- Conduct a feedback session with other choir members, organised with the Chief Executive and feed the results back to the Board of Trustees
- Attend Board meetings of the trustees to give the view of choristers and to gain an understanding of the workings of the choir.
- Be an ambassador for NCCGB externally.

Financial information:

The scholarship will be a maximum of £1503 for the year and will be for that year only.

This money may be used for NCCGB course fees.

Any money not required for the above activities will be returned to the fund for future years.

Any external funding sources must be declared on the application form.

Application process:

Candidates must complete the NCCGB Scholarship application form and submit this with a covering letter from the candidate explaining why they believe they should be considered for a choral scholarship. The covering letter must be no more than an A4 side of paper.

Applications must be received by 5pm on Friday 7th November by email to info@nccgb.com

There will be a shortlist of a maximum of six applicants, who must be available to attend an audition in London on Saturday 22nd November.

If a candidate is shortlisted for audition but is unable to do so because of the cost of travelling to London, they may apply separately for financial assistance with this by emailing info@nccgb.com.

Auditions

The shortlisted candidates will be invited to audition in London on Saturday 22nd November, For the audition, candidates will be asked to sing a song of their own choice, from memory. Two copies of the music should be brought, for the pianist and the adjudicator. Please do not bring your music as separate pages, please tape them together like a book, to make it easier for the pianist.

Candidates will also be asked to carry out some aural tests, sight reading and musicianship assessments.

Scholarship audition results

The results of the scholarship auditions will be sent out during the week commencing 24th November. Feedback will be available on request. Please note that the adjudicators' decision is final and not subject to further discussion.